

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing telecommunication bills for a subscriber, the method comprising the steps of:
 - conducting an analysis of a subscriber's telecommunication predicted usage requirements and historical usage;
 - creating a ~~baseline~~ report to correspond to the subscriber's predicted usage requirements and historical usage;
 - selecting at least one telecommunication carrier plan to conform to the predicted usage requirements and the historical usage ~~baseline report~~;
 - receiving a subsequent bill from the carrier corresponding to the subscriber's actual telecommunication usage and containing an actual billed amount;
 - comparing the actual usage bill to the predicted usage requirements ~~baseline report~~ to identify differences between the actual usage and the predicted usage requirements and to identify instances in which such differences result in additional or unexpected charges;
 - determining an anticipated billed amount based on the actual usage;
 - comparing the anticipated billed amount to the actual billed amount to identifying billing errors in the bill;
 - ~~requesting billing credit from the carrier in the amount of the identified errors~~; and
 - creating an actual report for the subscriber.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, comprising:
 - requesting billing credit from the carrier in the amount of the identified errors;
 - reviewing a further subsequent bill from ~~following up with~~ the carrier to insure that credit was posted to the subscriber account.
4. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the method is performed on a periodic basis corresponding to the generation of bills by the carrier.

5. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1 [[4]], further comprising:
identifying a new telecommunication carrier plan;
comparing both the selected carrier plan and the new carrier plan to the predicted usage requirements, the historical usage, and the actual usage baseline report;
deciding whether the new carrier plan better conforms to the subscriber's predicted usage requirements, historical usage, and actual usage.

6. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the subscriber comprises a plurality of telecommunication users.

7. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the step of selecting a telecommunication carrier plan to correspond to the predicted usage requirements and the historical usage baseline report comprises selecting a plurality of telecommunication carrier plans to correspond to the predicted usage requirements and the historical usage baseline report.

8. (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 7, wherein the plurality of plans is provided by a plurality of plan carriers.

9. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the analysis of a subscriber's telecommunication predicted usage requirements and historical usage includes ~~identifying~~ identifying and suggesting a plurality of carrier options and plans.

10. (New) The method as described in claim 6, wherein the analysis of a subscriber's telecommunication predicted usage requirements and historical usage corresponds to a plurality of telecommunication users and usage requirements for each user.

11. (New) The method as described in claim 10, wherein the analysis further includes calling patterns of each user, coverage requirements for each user, and feature needs of each user.

12. (New) The method as described in claim 10, wherein the analysis further includes organizational departmentalization for each user.